

Proclamation – *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*

Human Rights Certificate

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, the Honourable Steven Miles MP, Premier provide this human rights certificate with respect to the Proclamation to commence provisions of the *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*.

In my opinion, the Proclamation, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The Proclamation fixes 30 June 2024, 1 July 2024, 15 September 2024 and 31 December 2024 as the dates for the commencement of the remaining provisions of the *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024* (Amendment Act).

The Amendment Act gives effect to recommendations from the reports ‘Let the sunshine in: Review of culture and accountability in the Queensland public sector’ (Coaldrake Report) and the ‘Strategic Review of the Integrity Commissioner’s Functions’ (Yearbury Report), to strengthen the regulation of lobbyists and lobbying activities and enhance the independence of core integrity bodies, including the Queensland Integrity Commissioner, the Auditor-General, the Ombudsman, the Information Commissioner and the Crime and Corruption Commission.

The provisions to be commenced will provide for the following:

- Parliamentary committee oversight of the:
 - annual reports of the Queensland Audit Office, Queensland Integrity Commissioner, Information Commissioner and Queensland Ombudsman, which will apply to the 2024-25 annual reports;
 - proposals from the Queensland Audit Office, Crime and Corruption Commission and the Offices of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner, Queensland Ombudsman and Information Commissioner, for additional funding;
 - key appointments, terms of reference for statutory strategic reviews and appointment of strategic reviewers for the Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner, Queensland Audit Office, Office of the Information Commissioner and Office of the Queensland Ombudsman; and
 - appointment of the independent auditor to audit the Queensland Audit Office.
- Establish the Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner as a statutory body.
- Enable the Queensland Ombudsman to consider complaints about, and initiate investigations of non-government entities that provide government services.

Human Rights Issues

The Proclamation commences the remaining provisions of the Amendment Act in accordance with section 2 of that Act. The Proclamation does not contain any substantive legislative provisions and does not raise any human rights issues.

A full assessment of the provisions being commenced was undertaken in the Human Rights Statement of Compatibility for the Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023.

Conclusion

I consider that the Proclamation is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise any human rights issues.

HONOURABLE STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER

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